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To whom it may concern

I feel that if the present settlement is allowed to stand (Microsoft allowed to continue shipping their applications bundled with their operating system) the consumer will have to pay the cost of mitigation. With the clout that the operating system gives Microsoft they will be able to move into any lucrative software market after other firms develop those markets. This pattern is very evident (i.e. Java, Palm, Sun). Eventually most of the other players will be pushed out of the market, and Microsoft will be successful in creating a barrier to the software market. This loss of competition will not serve the interest of the American people. I ask the court to break Microsoft into 2 or more companies.

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